

July 16, 2009

Dear 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardians & Students:

We are writing to welcome you back to Central for the upcoming 2009/2010 school year! Back-to-School may seem far way but Wednesday, September 9th is quickly approaching. We are depending on your leadership and commitment to Central as we look ahead to another productive and fun-filled year!

**We are asking parents/guardians to sign up for Instant Alert if you have not done so within the past year. This is so you may receive notifications from Central. Please see reverse side of this letter for more information.**

Below you will find some pertinent information regarding the start of the school year:

- Wednesday, September 9th, will be the first day of school for students. This will be a full day of school for all students. School starts at 8:15 AM and ends with dismissal at 2:30 PM.
- Homerooms will be posted the morning of the 9th on bulletin boards in the school yard, weather permitting.
- At the entrance bell, (8:15 AM), 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will report to their homerooms where they will receive an agenda book and their schedule.
- Students will no longer be grouped by division. Instead, students will be grouped by ability for math and ELA and then regrouped for their other subjects.
- Detailed information relative to school policies and other school programs will be provided during the first week of school. We will be distributing a clear plastic “*Communication Folder*” to each student to store in their trapper keeper for important notices!
- The MBTA bus schedule may not be running the first week of school so please make sure you have arranged for your child to get to and from school safely. Please contact the Quincy T Station for more information.
- Central’s Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2009.

We have enclosed a supply list from the teaching team and a letter from the nurse that will be helpful as you start to prepare for the first day of school. Our school office will re-open Monday, August 31st. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via phone or email and we will get back to you as soon as possible. This summer, your child’s school supply list and Suggested Summer Reading List will be posted on our school’s website found at [www.quincypublicschools.com](http://www.quincypublicschools.com). Click on Central and follow the link. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

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